

# FDTA Exam Criteria

The exam will take place in three sections:

## **Section 1 - (worth 20% of overall marks)**

20 set dance tunes must be correctly named and the correct time identified i.e. 4/4 or 6/8 time

## **Section 2 - Practical**

**(worth 70% of overall marks - 40% Solo/30% Teams)**

You will be required to teach and dance the following:

### Solo

*The child may be of NPW, Intermediate or Upper/Higher Level - NB The adjudicating panel will base their assessment on both your practical and oral technique, taking into account how you verbally demonstrate your knowledge of the basic components/skills of Irish Dance....*

For Under 11 age group - Any Light Step (NPW or Intermediate Level)  
Any Heavy Step (NPW or Intermediate Level)  
Treble Jig Set Dance (Upper/Higher Level)

For Over 11 age group - Any Light Step (NPW or Intermediate Level)  
Any Heavy Step (NPW or Intermediate Level)  
Hornpipe Set Dance (Upper/Higher Level)

Demonstrate teaching a Beginner 3's and 7's

### Teams *(Assessment will be based on the same as above)*

You will be required to teach one or two of the following teams which will be chosen on the day:

Fairy Reel	Lannigan's Ball
Sweets of May	8 Hand Jig
Three Tunes	Gates of Derry
Bonfire Reel	High Caul Cap

## **Section 3 - Interview (worth 10% of overall marks)**

You will be interviewed by a panel of three qualified FDTA teachers. The competencies which will be assessed at this stage will include:- Communication, Problem Solving and Leadership.